

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(a) Yes, Government have received the amendments to the Statutes of the University of Agricultural Sciences from the Chancellor for comments. Reservation of posts to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe is one of the amendments suggested.

(b) It is under consideration of Government.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re: *Irregularities and malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran in Bangalore.*

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Forests to the irregularities and malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran in Bangalore.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—I make the following statement :—

The Director of Food and Civil Supplies has allotted 5,000 quintals of wheat bran for distribution in Bangalore City Corporation Area. This quantity is not sufficient to meet the entire requirement of the cattle owners of Bangalore City. However, due to restricted supplies of wheat by Government of India, Government is unable to supply more than his quantity of bran to Bangalore City.

2. Wheat bran is being distributed in Bangalore City on bran cards which have been prepared on the basis of a cattle census carried out by the authorities of the Bangalore City Corporation. In all divisions of Bangalore City, bran is being issued on these cards, except in the case of Division No. 1 where, due to the names of many cattle owners having been left out of the cattle census, there was public agitation and, as a consequence, bran is being issued to holders of bran cards issued earlier by the Food and Civil Supplies Department. New cards are being issued to all applicants, on the basis of verification certificates issued by the Corporation authorities. There is, therefore, no truth in the allegation that there are irregularities or malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Could you please tell me as to what is the quantity of wheat bran that is necessary to satisfy the cattle owners in Bangalore and what efforts the Government has made in order to get this?

**Sri K. H. PATIL.**—It is very difficult to say what will be the quantity required. However, since this bran is available at cheaper rate everybody desires to have it. If we have to value really on the need of cattle owners we may require about one lakh quintals a month.

**Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.**—What efforts the Government have made to increase this 5,000 quintals?

**Sri K. H. PATIL.**—Hearing the grievances of cattle owners and on the advice of the Members of both sides Government has already removed restrictions and the wheat and wheat products have been made free from restrictions.

**Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.**—Is it not a fact that a number of complaints have been received by Government and the Director of Food and Civil Supplies that people dealing with sale of wheat bran are still carrying on blackmarketing and also there are bogus cards and many cards are with the dealers themselves and whether the Government would take effective measures to see that these irregularities are stopped?

**Sri K. H. PATIL.**—Complaints are made. Whenever such complaints are brought to my notice action has been taken and wherever required the dealers have been punished and even bogus cards and some shops have been cancelled.

(ii) *re: acute scarcity of drinking water in Bagepally Town*

**ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ (ವೇಮಗಲ್).**—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಂಥ ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗೇಪಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಕೋಲಾರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಎರಡೂ ಸೇರಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಚೆನ್‌ಪನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗೇಪಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೇರಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಕೋಲಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಚೆನ್‌ಪನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬರುವುದಾದರೆ ಆಗಬಹುದು. ಅದು ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಚೆನ್‌ಪನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಏನು?

**ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.**—ಅವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈಗ ಇದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ.

**ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.**—ಬಾಗೇಪಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಆಗದೇ ಇರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

**Sri D K. NAIKAR.**—(Minister for Law and Municipal Administration).— I make the following statement.

Bagepally town has a population of 5,400 as per 1971 census. Normally the water is supplied at the rate of 10 gpd. But during acute summer, the supply goes down to as far below as 2 gpd. because of the poor yield in the infiltration well during summer. Therefore improvement of water supply to Bagepally town has become a necessity and an estimate for Rs. 3.06 lakhs has been got up during 1973-74. An amount of Rs. 30,000 towards 10 per